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Significant Negotiations Anticipated During 1983-84

Australia/ New Zealand	-	(U)	Trilateral negotiations continue among ANZUS members on a reciprocal status-of-forces agreement (SOFA).
Bahamas	-	(U)	Negotiations are expected shortly on a new agreement covering the retention of US military facilities and general operating rights.
Bermuda	-	(C)	Expected independence by 1984 will necessitate either bilateral base negotiations or, preferably, trilateral (US, UK, Bermuda) defense provisions as part of the independence arrangements, possibly in a manner similar to the Pacific Trust Territories.
Canada	-	(U)	Negotiations continue on the use of Can- adian facilities for the testing and evaluation of weapons, including cruise missiles.
Egypt	-	(S)	Discussions continue regarding NPW transits of the Suez Canal and construction arrangements at Ras Banas. It does not appear probable that an access agreement for Ras Banas will be negotiated in the near future.
Greece	-	(U)	Negotiations on a Defense and Economic Cooperation Agreement (DECA) resumed <u>de</u> novo in November 1982, with Special Ne- gotiator Bartholomew leading the US team.
Liberia	-	(C)	Negotiations continue of an agreement to improve Roberts Field.
Oman	-	(C)	Discussions concerning prepositioning and construction arrangements are underway.

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Portugal - (C) Negotiations are under way for a new defense cooperation agreement covering not only Lajes Air Base and its expanded use but the use of mainland airfields as well.

Also, negotiations of new agreements concerning labor and technical arrangements on Lajes are under way. US Ambassador to Portugal Holmes heads the US team.

Philippines - (C) In early 1983, a political-level review will begin of the 1947 Military Base Agreement (MBA) and the 1979 amendments thereto.

Sudan - (C) The US has proposed that the two governments negotiate a bilateral agreement covering the prepositioning of supplies at various locations in the Port Sudan area.

Trust Territory - (U) A compact of Free Association with Palau, of the Pacific the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia was initialed in November 1980, but conclusion of a SOFA and operating rights and other related agreements may cause formal signature to be deferred until mid-1983.

Turkey - (C) Colocated Operating Bases (COBs) negotiations by USAFE for seven bases was concluded in October 1982.

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